

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE TO PLANT STREET TREES TO AID IN THE RE-TREEING OF ATLANTA BY AMENDING THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REQUIRED PLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS, UPON DEVELOPMENT OF A SUBDIVISION IN ORDER TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT OF STREET TREES AT THE TIME OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta currently requires the placement of sidewalks upon the development of new subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, when new lots are prepared for the construction of new housing, sometimes tree replacement space is scarce on the new lot; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently in the process of implementing a sidewalk program and building a more walkable city; and

WHEREAS, City planners assert that green space between cars and pedestrians has the effect of slowing down traffic and also provides a protection for pedestrians.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA that the Subdivision Ordinance be amended as follows:

SECTION 1: When sidewalks are constructed, a green space between street and sidewalk be provided for small trees and bushes, and a green space be provided between sidewalk and house for larger trees.

SECTION 2: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.